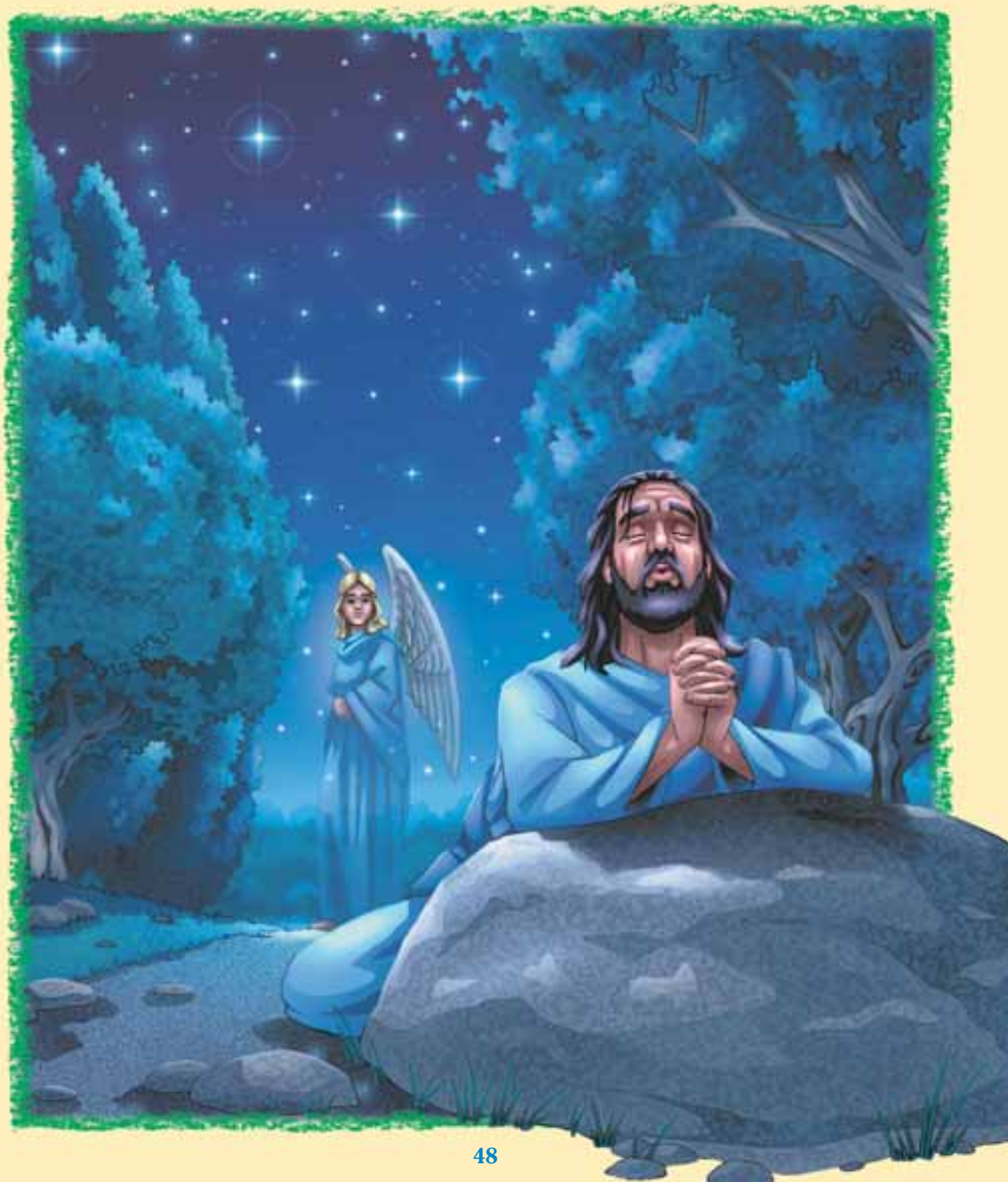




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Jesus Loves Me

Have you ever had to do something really hard? Jesus did something really hard for you.



After sharing supper, Jesus and the disciples walked to a garden. “Pray for Me,” Jesus said to His friends. Then He went a little ways away to pray. He knew He would die very soon.

“Father,” He prayed, “I don’t want to

suffer, but if it is Your will, I will do it.”

God sent an angel to encourage Jesus with words of comfort and hope.

When Jesus went back to His friends, He found them sleeping—just when Jesus needed them most.

There in the middle of the night Jewish leaders came with soldiers to arrest Jesus and take Him to the high priest.

Peter followed. He slipped into the yard and sat near the fire the guards had built. A servant girl saw him. “That is one of Jesus’ followers!” she said, pointing at him.



Memory Verse

“You are worthy . . .
God, to receive
glory and honor
and power.”

REVELATION 4:11, NIV.

The Message

We praise Jesus
for doing hard
things for us.

Peter was afraid. "I don't even know Jesus!" he exclaimed.

Soon a man stared at Peter. "You must be one of Jesus' special friends," he commented.

"I am not!" Peter insisted.

Later another man studied Peter's face. "This must be one of Jesus' disciples," he said.

"I don't know what you are talking about!" Peter shouted.

Jesus heard. He looked at Peter with eyes filled with sadness. Peter felt terrible. He was so ashamed! He hurried away, crying bitterly.

The guards put a blindfold on Jesus. One hit Him as the others shouted, "You are a prophet! Tell us who hit You!"

The Jewish leaders gathered together. "Are You the Messiah?" they asked Jesus.

Jesus answered them, "I will soon be sitting at God's right hand."

The leaders' faces turned red with anger. They wanted Jesus to die! Right then! They thought that should happen to someone who called Himself God. But the Jewish leaders had to get permission from the Roman ruler, Pilate.

The leaders led Jesus to Pilate's palace. Pilate didn't believe the lies they told about Jesus, but he was afraid of the Jewish leaders. Finally Pilate agreed to do what they wanted. "Take Him away!" he ordered.

Soldiers dressed Jesus in a purple robe. They made a crown of sharp thorns and put it on His head. They knelt down and pretended to honor Jesus, and then they spit on Him!

But Jesus didn't fight back. His heart was breaking, but He wasn't angry at the leaders or the soldiers. He

forgave them because He loved them. Jesus would die for the people who hurt Him. Jesus would die for you and me.



Do and Say



SABBATH

Each day this week, read the lesson story together, and review the memory verse.

You are worthy . . . Point upward.

. . . God,

to receive With both hands, reach forward, then draw back.

glory and honor Wiggle fingers, bringing hands from waist to chest.

and power. Show arm muscles.

Revelation 4:11 . . Palms together, then open.

SUNDAY

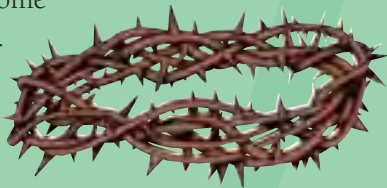
Help your child draw an angry face. On another paper draw a heart with “Jesus” written on it. Read the Bible story. Have them hold up the angry face when someone is not nice to Jesus; then the heart for Jesus’ response. Talk about why Jesus was not mean to the people who hurt Him.

MONDAY

Have your child share their Crown of Thorns door hanger with someone and tell them about the crown of thorns that Jesus wore.

Carefully feel some thorns or a needle.

Ask: What do you think the crown felt like on Jesus’ head? Why did Jesus wear that for you?



TUESDAY

Help your child make a crown of thorns. Talk about the pain Jesus suffered from the crown of thorns.

Sing “Oh, How He Loves You and Me”; then thank Jesus for suffering for your family.



WEDNESDAY

Ask your child to tell about something naughty they’ve done. Write it on paper. Help your child ask Jesus to forgive them. Explain: When Jesus forgives us, He doesn’t think of what we’ve done anymore. It’s a bit like throwing our sin away. Have your child throw the paper in the trash.

THURSDAY

Ask your child to make a face to show how these people looked: Jewish leaders, Peter, guards, and soldiers. Now have your child make Jesus’ expression. What is it? (love, forgiveness)

Sing “Oh, Friend, Do You Love Jesus?” with the ending “because He died for me.” Thank Jesus for giving Himself to die for your family.

FRIDAY

Help your child make a crown for each family member. Tell the lesson story. Talk about the crown Jesus wears now and the crowns He will give us when He comes again. Wear your crowns as you sing praise songs.